

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 NAIROB 10838 161325Z

44

ACTION AF-06

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 PM-04 MC-02 NSC-05 SP-02 SS-15 CIAE-00

INR-07 NSAE-00 OMB-01 TRSE-00 L-03 EB-07 IGA-02

ACDA-05 AID-05 DODE-00 NEA-10 /075 W

----- 053837

R 161245Z DEC 75

FM AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6672

S E C R E T NAIROBI 10838

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS US KE

SUBJECT: LIST OF U.S. MILITARY EQUIPMENT DESIRED BY KENYA

REF: A. NAIROBI 10742 B. NAIROBI 10198

1. KENYANS HAVE PROVIDED LIST OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT (ITEMIZED BELOW) THEY WISH TO ACQUIRE FROM U.S. FOR THEIR SIX-YEAR DEFENSE MODERNIZATION PROGRAM. PROGRAM IS PRJTJCTED IN TWO PHASES, EACH OF THREE YEARS DURATION, AND EQUIPMENT NEEDS ARE LISTED SEPARATELY UNDER EACH PHASE. LIST FULFILLS GOK PROMISE TO GIVE US INDICATION OF THEIR SPECIFIC NEEDS (REFTELS) AND IS INTENDED TO PROVIDE BASIS FOR DISCUSSIONS BY WORKING LEVEL DELEGATION WHICH WISHES TO COME TO WASHINGTON IN JANUARY (REF A).

2. WE HAVE CONFIRMED WITH MOD THAT THIS LIST REPRESENTS CONSIDERED GOK JUDGEMENT OF ITS NEEDS, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT ORIENTATION VISITS TO U.S. FACILITIES IN GERMANY AS WELL AS EQUIPMENT OBSERVED IN ISRAEL. IN PARTICULAR, INCLUSION OF TANKS REFLECTS FEELING THAT THEY ARE NEEDED IN VICINITY OF NANYUKI WHERE BRIDGE WEIGHT LIMITS NOT A FACTOR. REQUEST FOR A-4 ATTACK PLANES ALSO REPRESENTS CURRENT ESTIMATE OF REQUIREMENTS.

3. FINANCE MINISTER KIBAKI HAS BEEN BRIEFED ON PROPOSAL

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 NAIROB 10838 161325Z

THAT ARMS ASSISTANCE DELEGATION AT PERMSEC LEVEL

GO TO WASHINGTON BEFORE ATTEMPT TO SEND MINISTERIAL DELEGATION, AND HE HAS INDICATED INFORMALLY TO EMBASSY THAT HE HAS NO OBJECT ON TO PROCEEDING IN THIS WAY. WE ASSUME KENYATTA WILL GO ALONG, AND PLANNING FOR DELEGATION IS UNDER WAY IN GOK. WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED OF DATE PREFERRED BY USG; ASSUME TALKS WOULD LAST NO LONGER THAN ONE WEEK. AS STATED REF A, KENYAN PREFERENCE IS FOR SECOND OR THIRD WEEK OF JANUARY.

4. LIST RECEIVED FROM GOK FOLLOWS:

A. FIRST PHASE (3 YEARS BEGINNING ASAP)

QUANTITY	ITEM
22	90MM RECOILLESS RIFLE M67
42	106MM RECOILLESS RIFLE M40 A2
20	TOW MISSILE LAUNCHER
19	M60 A1 TANK
12	A-4S ATTACK PLANE
4	TA-4S TRAINING VERSION OF ABOVE

B. SECOND PHASE (IMMEDIATELY AFTER FIRST PHASE)

QUANTITY	ITEM
28	90MM RECOILLESS RIFLE M67
8	105MM TOWED HOWITZER
27	PRIME MOVER FOR 105MM HOWITZER
30	M113 A1 ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIER
4	CH 47C HELICOPTER

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 03 NAIROB 10838 161325Z

2	C-130 TRANSPORT
12	F-5E FIGHTER INTERCEPTOR

LINDSTROM

SECRET

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: MILITARY EQUIPMENT, ARMS, GOVERNMENT REACTIONS, DIPLOMATIC DISCUSSIONS, MILITARY ASSISTANCE AGREEMENTS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 16 DEC 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: woolflhd
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975NAIROB10838
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750436-1082
From: NAIROBI
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19751235/aaaabffw.tel
Line Count: 113
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION AF
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 75 NAIROBI 10742, 75 NAIROBI 10198
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: woolflhd
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 27 AUG 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <27 AUG 2003 by BoyleJA>; APPROVED <12 DEC 2003 by woolflhd>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
06 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: LIST OF U.S. MILITARY EQUIPMENT DESIRED BY KENYA
TAGS: MASS, US, KE
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006